

REMARKS

Claims 1-9 and 11 now stand in the application, claim 10 having been canceled and its limitations incorporated into claim 9. Reconsideration of the application and allowance of all claims are respectfully requested.

The amendment made to claim 1 is simply correcting the error pointed out by the examiner whereby the mixture is introduced not into the crew itself but into the screw feed device, i.e., the extruder. The amendments made to claim 9 are two-fold. One is to eliminate the clause the examiner objected to as not being accurate, and the other is to incorporate the subject matter of claim 10 so that claim 9 now corresponds to claim 10 rewritten in independent form. The deletion of the inaccurate clause does not change the scope of the claim because the clause simply recited something inherent in the remainder of the claim.

Entry of the above amendments is respectfully requested in that the amendments raise no new issues, do not introduce any new matter and place the claims in condition for allowance by overcoming all stated rejections.

Claims 1-11 stand rejected for failure to satisfy the description requirement of the first paragraph of 35 USC 112. This rejection is respectfully traversed and is believed overcome by the self-explanatory amendments above.

In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

Amendment Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116
USSN 10/671,768

An extension of time is requested, and the required fee is being separately authorized through the Electronic Filing System (EFS).

The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account.

Respectfully submitted,

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